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James E. Baker
Associate Judge

Education: Yale 1982 BA, 1990 JD
Began Service: September 19, 2000
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Term Expires: 2015

Government: Legislative Aide and Acting Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator Daniel P. Moynihan (D-NY), United States Senate (1985-1987); Attorney Advisor, United States Department of State (1990-1993); Counsel, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board/Intelligence Oversight Board (1993-1994); Deputy Legal Advisor, National Security Council, Executive Office of the President (1994-1997); Special Assistant and Legal Advisor, The National Security Council, Executive Office of the President (1997-2000)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps Reserve (1979-2000); Infantry Officer, United States Marine Corps (1982-1985)

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Charles E. "Chip" Erdmann
Associate Judge

Education: Montana 1975 JD
Began Service: October 15, 2002

Corporate: Consultant, International Judicial Reform Consulting (2001-2002); Consultant, Mountainhouse Consulting (2001-2002)

Government: Program Manager/Attorney, Anti-Fraud Unit, Office of High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR) (1998); Head of Department, Human Rights and Rule of Law, Office of High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR) (1999); Judicial Reform Coordinator, Office of High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR) (1998-1999)

Judicial: Supreme Court Justice, Montana Supreme Court (1995-1997); Chief Judge, Bosnian Election Court (2000-2001)

Legal Practice: Assistant Attorney General, Montana Attorney General's Office (1975-1976); Chief Counsel, Montana State Auditor's Office (1976-1978); Chief Staff Attorney, Antitrust Enforcement Bureau, Montana Attorney General's Office (1978-1980); Bureau Chief/Attorney, Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau (1980-1982); Chief Counsel, Montana School Boards' Association (1982-1986); Erdmann Law Office (1986-1995)

Military Service: Judge Advocate, Montana Air National Guard (1981-2002); Special Cryptographic Operator, United States Marine Corps (1967-1970)

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Robinson O. Everett
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1928
Education: Harvard 1947 AB, 1950 JD; Duke 1959 LLM
Began Service: April 16, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Commissioner, United States Court of Military Appeals (1955)

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (1980-1990)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1955-1980)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1951-1953); United States Air Force Reserve (1950-1978)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; District of Columbia Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association; North Carolina Board of Continuing Legal Education

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Walter T. Cox III
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Clemson 1964 BS; South Carolina 1967 JD
Began Service: September 6, 1984
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Resident Judge, South Carolina Circuit Court, 10th Judicial Circuit (1978-1984)

Legal Practice: Partner, Jones, McIntosh, Threlkeld, Newman and Cox (1973-1978)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1973)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Anderson County Bar Association; Anderson County Young Lawyers; Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Blue Key; Federal Bar Association; Judge Advocates Association; South Carolina Bar Association; South Carolina Trial Lawyers

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Eugene R. Sullivan
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: West Point 1964 BS; Georgetown 1971 JD
Began Service: October 1, 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable M. C. Mathes, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1971-1972)

Government: Assistant Special Counsel, Executive Office of the President (1974); Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1982); Chief Legal Advisor, National Reconnaissance Office, Ronald Reagan Administration (1982-1986); Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of the Air Force (1982-1984); General Counsel, United States Department of the Air Force, Ronald Reagan Administration (1984-1986); Governor Eugene R. Sullivan, Wake Island Territory (1984-1986)

Legal Practice: Associate, Patton, Boggs & Blow (1972-1974)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1969)

Current Memberships: District of Columbia Bar; Missouri Bar

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H. F. "Sparky" Gierke
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: North Dakota 1964 BA, 1966 JD
Began Service: November 1, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Term Expires: September 31, 2006

Academic: Adjunct Professor, George Washington University Law School; Adjunct Professor, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Adjunct Professor, Barry University of Orlando School of Law

Government: State's Attorney, County of McKenzie, North Dakota (1974-1982); City Attorney, City of Watford, North Dakota (1974-1983)

Judicial: Justice, North Dakota Supreme Court (1983-1991); Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1971-1983)

Military Service: United States Army (1967-1971)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society; National District Attorneys Association; North Dakota State's Attorneys Association; Northwest Judicial District; State Bar Association of North Dakota

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United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

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Number of Judgeships: 7

Created in 1988, this Court consisting of a chief judge and six associate judges has exclusive jurisdiction to review final decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals, an administrative arm of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Cases involve reviewing the Board's determination of entitlement or disability benefits. The rulings can be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims is independent and does not come under the purview of the Judicial Conference of the United States or the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The President appoints a chief judge and between two and six judges. The appointments are for 15-year terms and subject to Senate confirmation.

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